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Saturday, 10th November, 1984



VERSUS

Bolton Wanderers

Division Three — Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Official Match
Programme
40p

COLIN ADDISON'S View...

WHEN we arrived at Lincoln at 6.30 p.m. last Wednesday night, it didn't look as if the match would go ahead because of the fog — but having travelled all the way up there, we were keen to give it a go, so were Lincoln, and at 7 o'clock the referee decided to go ahead. By 7.30 p.m. there was no fog at all, and in the end we came home with an excellent result, having come back from 2-0 down to earn a point.

And taking the game as a whole, it was a tremendous improvement on our display against Cambridge United here last Saturday. I don't want to go over old ground in bringing up that match again except to say that, bad as we were, we had enough second-half chances to have got something from the game, and if we'd scored from the penalty I feel we'd have probably gone on to win the match.

Although we didn't look like scoring before half-time at Lincoln, we were a little unfortunate to go in a goal down — Mark Kendall had made two vital saves to keep us in the match, but then a lucky deflection off one of his own players left Fashanu clear and he scored. We were also unfortunate with the penalty which put us 2-0 down because when Tony Pulis was ruled to have fouled McGinley after a long clearance by Felgate, it wasn't a



dangerous situation and Tony had it under control. So obviously then we needed to make things happen, we changed our formation, and for the rest of the game we played as well as at any time this season, and we got a goal just when we needed it. From where I sat, it was a great cross by John Lewis which was going straight to Steve Cooper on the near post, and his presence forced Lincoln's Steve Thompson to dive in to try and head it for a corner. Unfortunately for him, it went past Felgate and Steve got a slight touch as Thompson headed it. The general opinion was that it was an own-goal, but all credit to Steve for getting there to make it happen, and the important thing was not so much who scored it, but that we got it at a vital time. After that, we were always in control, and it wasn't any surprise when we got the equaliser with

Terry Boyle scoring off a tremendous header from John Lewis. In fact, we might even have won the game after that but, nevertheless, a good result for us.

Just before last Saturday's game against Cambridge, we signed former Exeter and Plymouth striker Tony Kellow on a non-contract basis, and we've done this because of our current lack of experience in attack. Tony will be eligible for the F.A. Cup if we need him, and it may well be that he'll be involved with the first-team today, depending on his current level of fitness. He's been training with a local team in Exeter where he runs a small hotel, and he's happy to be with us on the understanding that we'll see how things work out. At the same time, we signed David Giles on a permanent contract after his loan-spell from Birmingham City, and he will be a useful acquisition as he's shown in his games so far. David still has a great deal to offer, he's still only 28, a year ago he was in the Welsh squad, and he can play inside on either the right or left.

The main thing now is for us to continue where we left off against Lincoln when we play Bolton today . . . we've a number of home games coming up, including next Saturday against Aldershot in the F.A. Cup — hopefully we can take advantage of them.

TODAY'S COVER — off to Lincoln last Wednesday behind the banner of this afternoon's match-sponsors . . . The South Wales Argus.



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• Another new signing? (ABOVE) — it's Lesley Jones who's Miss Newport, and she's been showing our players the best way to wear our Argus-sponsored kit. Then it was off to The Argus sports department (BELOW) to explain to Sports Editor Les James (left) and Soccer-Correspondent Paul Abbandonato (seated), what it was all about.



BOLTON W.

LAST year's final position of tenth, following their relegation in 1983, was reasonably encouraging for BOLTON WANDERERS, but while their '84/85 home form has been strong, with six successive League victories at Burnden Park including last Tuesday's 2-1 win over York City, they haven't found matters easy away from home. They've lost all seven Third Division matches on their travels, and that's kept them in the lower half of the table so far. They also lost their last four away games of '83/84 and that run of eleven successive League away defeats equals the worst away sequence in the Club's history — in fact, the last time they returned home with full points was on March 24th of this year when they were 3-2 winners here at Somerton Park!

Ever-present in attack is Manchester-born striker GEORGE OGHANI who was signed from Hyde United early last season. He didn't establish himself in last

year's line-up, and there was talk of him returning to non-league football in the summer, but he's made the most of his second chance, and last Tuesday's penalty against York gave him 14 in League and Cup, making him top-scorer in Division Three. Playing up front regularly with him since mid-October has been striker WAYNE FOSTER, a Leigh-born ex-apprentice who's a former England Youth Cap. He's been with Bolton for several seasons and after one mid-September game at Swansea came into this year's line-up when former Horwich R.M.I. forward TONY CALDWELL, who's netted six times so far, suffered a groin injury in the Milk Cup home tie with Shrewsbury. Caldwell, top scorer with 22 League and Cup goals last year, including a Club record five against Walsall, has been out of the line-up since his injury, though he was due to be back in reserve action this week. One other

Their History:-

• Founded in 1874 as "Christ Church F.C.", they changed to their present name three years later and were founder-members of The League in 1888. Up to 1971, they'd played entirely in the top two divisions, mainly in Division One, during which time they were F.A. Cup Winners on four occasions and runners-up three times. In 1971 they went down to Division Three, but went up in 1973, and were back in the First Division from 1978 to 1980. At the end of 1982/83 they were relegated to Div. 3. They've played at Burnden Park since 1895 — Att. Record ... 69,912 v. Man. City (F.A. Cup 5th Rnd.) Feb. 18th 1933. Current capacity — 43,000.

striker has played this season — Warrington-born ex-apprentice SIMON RUDGE who had made two mid-September appearances before coming in last Tuesday when he scored. He's been on the substitutes' bench on several occasions and he played in most of last season's games. Second top scorer with ten goals is Eire International JEFF CHANDLER who



• BOLTON WANDERERS' '84/85 line-up . . . BACK (from left) — Peter Valentine, Jimmy Phillips, Mark Came, Gerry McElhinney, Neil Berry, Paul Booth, George Oghani, MIDDLE (from left) — Walter Joyce (Coach), Brian Borrows, Steve Thompson, Tony Caldwell, Simon Farnworth, John Platt, Ray Deakin, Paul Lodge, Warren Joyce, Peter Nightingale (Physio). FRONT (from left) — Wayne Foster, Charlie Wright (First-Team Coach), Jeff Chandler, Simon Rudge, Steve Saunders, John McGovern (Manager), Graham Bell.

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usually operates in a wide role on the left, though he suffered an ankle injury last Saturday which kept him out on Tuesday and probably today. London born, he's a former Blackpool player who was signed from Leeds for £40,000 in October 1981. He scored 17 times last year, and is the team's penalty expert.

Last Saturday's winner against Lincoln City came from right-side midfield player STEVE THOMPSON, an Oldham-born former apprentice who established a regular place last year. He's appeared in most of this season's games apart from four matches in early September, while midfielder WARREN JOYCE, son of Club Coach Walter Joyce, is ever-present and he only missed one game last year. A former apprentice, he's played cricket for Lancashire Colts and was an outstanding schools Rugby Union player. Another regular in midfield is former Oldham and Preston player GRAHAM BELL who was a free transfer from Carlisle last February, and he's missed just one game this season, while midfielder PAUL LODGE, a former Everton player signed from Preston in the summer, had four games in September when Thompson was out of the line-up.

At the back, Bolton have used a number of central-defensive combinations this season. In the last two games, former Winsford United player MARK CAME has played alongside Club Captain RAY DEAKIN, who was back in the starting line-up last Saturday for the first time since mid-September. Came was making his third full appearance last Tuesday after a couple of games as substitute in mid-September and he joined the Club at the end of last season, while Deakin, who began '84/85 in the middle of defence before having several games at full-back, is a former Everton and Port Vale player

who's been at Bolton for a couple of seasons. Substitute in the last two games has been Northern Ireland defender GERRY McELHINNEY, signed from Distillery for £25,000 in 1980. A former Gaelic footballer and Mid-Ulster boxing champion, he came into the line-up in early September after suspension, but injury put him out a month ago and he returned for the recent 6-1 Milk Cup defeat at Notts County, while former Scottish Youth International defender NEIL BERRY, an ex-apprentice, has had eight games this season though he hadn't been in the line-up for the last three matches, nor had ex-Huddersfield defender PETER VALENTINE who had a regular run from mid-September after early-season injury, and he was signed in the summer of 1983. Last season's Player of The Year was full-back BRIAN BORROWS, signed in March 1983 from Everton for £25,000, and he is ever-present, while left-back JIMMY PHILLIPS, a locally-born ex-apprentice who made his debut as substitute last April, had missed only three games this season



• **GEORGE OGHANI**
— top scorer '84/85

Their Manager:-

• Montrose - born JOHN McGOVERN has been a well-known name in League football for nearly 20 years in a career which began at Hartlepool in the mid 1960s and then took in Derby County, Leeds United and Nottingham Forest — all clubs where he played under Brian Clough. In six years at Derby from 1968 to 1974, he won two Scottish Under-23 Caps and a League Championship medal, and he went to Forest in February 1975 after six months at Leeds. During his period at Forest, he won a League Championship medal, League Cup Winners' medal and European Cup-Winners' medals on two occasions. He succeeded George Mulhall as Bolton's manager in June 1982, and made the last of his 534 League appearances last April.

though he had appeared once in midfield, while in goal Chorley-born former apprentice SIMON FARNWORTH had also played in every match, and he made his debut at the start of '83/84 when he missed only ten League games.

Their '84/85 Record:-

Division 3			
MC Milk Cup			
August	F-A	Att.	
25 Bristol R.(Lge)	(H)	0-1	4,469
28 Oldham(MC1)	(H)	2-1	3,286
September			
1 Derby(Lge)	(A)	2-3	11,478
4 Oldham(MC1)	(A)	4-4	4,010
8 Hull(Lge)	(H)	0-0	5,403
15 Roth'h'm(Lge)	(A)	1-3	3,926
18 Swansea(Lge)	(A)	1-2	3,636
22 Plymouth(Lge)	(H)	7-2	3,876
25 Shr'sb'ry(MC2)	(A)	2-2	3,720
29 Doncast'r(Lge)	(A)	0-2	4,850
October			
2 Walsall(Lge)	(H)	3-1	4,445
6 Reading(Lge)	(A)	1-3	3,253
9 Shr'sb'ry(MC2)	(H)	2-1	5,445
13 B'mouth(Lge)	(H)	2-1	4,651
20 Preston(Lge)	(H)	4-0	5,691
23 Bristol C.(Lge)	(A)	2-3	7,715
27 Burnley(Lge)	(A)	2-3	6,460
30 Notts Co.(MC3)	(A)	1-6	4,547
November			
3 Lincoln(Lge)	(H)	1-0	4,019
6 York C.(Lge)	(H)	2-1	4,672

This Season's Scorers (Lge. & Cup)

• Oghani 14 (1 pen.), Chandler 10 (4 pens.), Caldwell 6, Foster 3, Thompson 3, Bell 1, Joyce 1.

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FEATURING NEWS
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FROM THE
THIRD DIVISION



• Until early October, last season's Fourth Division Champions, **York City**, had carried on where they left off last year and were at that stage top of Division Three. But the remainder of October had been disastrous — six matches had brought them five League and Milk Cup defeats and their only reward was a 1-1 home draw with Millwall. In mid-October they sold striker John Byrne to Q.P.R. for £100,000, and it all resulted in their lowest home attendance of the season last Saturday against **Gillingham** — 2,921. The missing two thousand regulars, however, missed York's best display of the season because they were 7-1 winners after being 4-0 up at half-time. There was a hat-trick for Keith Houchen, while our former defender Keith Oakes was credited with an own-goal! Defence certainly hasn't been Gillingham's strong point since the beginning of September — their last eight League and Cup games prior to last Tuesday's visit to Burnley have seen them concede no fewer than 27 goals!

• Bad weather in the North last weekend caused leaders Millwall's match at Bradford City to be called off, but they maintained their top position because **Bristol Rovers** lost 3-2 at Plymouth after leading by a goal from Welsh International full-back Neil Slatter at half-time. That's now five League games without a win for Rovers while Plymouth's win was enough to take them out of the bottom four and Tommy Tynan, who'd scored twice in their 4-3 defeat at Doncaster fifteen days ago, scored again last week to take his total to eight up to last Tuesday's home game with Bradford City.

• **AFC Bournemouth** picked up their third successive win last week with a 2-0 victory at Reading, a goal in each half from Ian Thompson. And goalkeeper John Smeulders, who took over from Ian Leigh in mid-September, hadn't conceded a goal in the four

matches before Tuesday's home game with Wigan Athletic. As for Reading, it's been a very inconsistent period for them in the last five weeks — three successive wins in which they conceded eleven! Trevor Senior, who scored over 40 League and Cup goals in last season's promotion campaign, hasn't found it so easy this year, with just 7 goals in 15 League and Cup matches up to last Wednesday's home game with Orient.

• The seven-match unbeaten League run of **Wigan Athletic** looked like coming to an end at The Vetch Field last week when Swansea City's Steve Mardenborough scored his second goal in two games to put his side 2-0 up with sixteen minutes left. But with just seven minutes to go, Wigan scored twice in sixty seconds through John Butler and Graham Barrow. It was Barrow's first League game since our match with them in early October, but our former midfield player Neil Bailey had only played once in the five games up to last Wednesday's trip to Bournemouth. As for Swansea City, this weekend they'll be without defenders Wyndham Evans and Nigel Stevenson through suspension, but Dudley Lewis and Paul Richardson are now back following their recent bans.

• Promising starts to the season can sometimes turn sour, as **Preston North End** have discovered. They won four of their opening five League games as well as reaching the Second Round of The Milk Cup in which they met First Division Norwich City. But something went wrong in mid-September because since then they'd played nine League and two Milk Cup games and hadn't won any of them up to last Tuesday's home match with Swansea. The nine League games had brought them eight defeats halted by last Saturday's 3-3 home draw with Burnley, while they went out of the Milk Cup to Norwich (3-3 at home, 1-6 away). And those nine League games saw 29 goals put past 'keeper Peter Litchfield! A recent signing for them is former Everton, Liverpool and Ipswich striker David Johnson, who's returned from Tulsa Roughnecks in the U.S.A.

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(Half-time and Full-time scores of ALL Canon League games will be announced)

Home	Away	h.t.	f.t.
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Brentford	v Lincoln City	()	...
Bristol City	v Bristol Rovers	()	...
Cambridge Utd.	v Burnley	()	...
Gillingham	v Rotherham U.	()	...
Millwall	v Preston N.E.	()	...
Orient	v Hull City	()	...
Swansea City	v Reading	()	...
Walsall	v AFC B'mouth	()	...
Wigan Ath.	v Plymouth A	()	...

*Div. 3 Highest Scores '84/85 ...

Bolton W.	7	Plymouth A.	2	..	Sept. 22nd
York City	7	Gillingham	1	...	Nov. 3rd

* Div. 3 Top Scorers '84/84 ...

George Oghani (Bolton)	13
Kevin Wilson (Derby)	13
Steve Lovell (Millwall)	12

Div. 3 Hat Tricks '84/85

Kevin Wilson (Derby)	3 v Bolton (Sept. 1)
Billy Rafferty (B'mouth)	3 v Rotherh'm (Sept.8)
Tony Caldwell (Bolton)	3 v Plymouth (Sept.22)
George Oghani (Bolton)	3 v Preston (Oct.20)
Gary Roberts (Brentf'rd)	3 v Gill'ham (Oct.20)
Keith Houchen (York C)	3 v Gill'ham (Nov 3)

* Not including midweek games after last Monday



INSIDE SOMERTON

with
RICHARD SHEPHERD

Argus Man's Debut . . .

• Starting his soccer-reporting duties at our matches for the South Wales Argus today is 24 year-old Paul Abbandonato who, for the past year since joining the paper, has been covering Newport Rugby Club. But Association Football has always been Paul's favourite sport, and being originally from Devizes in Wiltshire, Swindon Town is his local side whom he has followed for many years. Before joining The Argus, Paul was with Home Counties Newspapers for three years and his duties involved covering Luton Town. He's been to several of our matches this season, and has kept in close touch with our activities since coming to Newport.

Hello Kellow . . .

• Our latest signing is well-known striker Tony Kellow, who joined us eight days ago on a non-contract basis. He's already played at Somerton this season when he came on substitute for Swansea City on 13th October, having spent a couple of weeks with The Swans. Formerly with Falmouth, Exeter (two spells), Blackpool and Plymouth Argyle, Tony had made 317 League appearances up to the start of the season, scoring 126 League goals.



• **TONY KELLOW** — non-contract signing.

Ref. Spot . . .

• Continuing with our regular questions on the laws of the game, we have an interesting problem this week . . .

During a stoppage in a match, one of the teams wishes to make a substitution. As the withdrawn player leaves the field, and as the substitute takes up his position on the field, the player being withdrawn uses foul language to the referee. Play has not restarted — what would the referee do?

The answer is at the bottom of the page.

Video Restart . . .

• After some early-season technical problems with our video equipment, we started filming home matches last Saturday against Cambridge United. As regards away games, it all depends on the facilities available at opposition grounds — for example, there has to be a suitable viewing position high enough above the half-way line with an electrical mains power-point. Members of our video-club can look at the list in our Commercial Department to see what tapes are available (they go back to 1979/80), and anyone wishing to join the video-club can do so for a season's fee of one VHS 180-minute blank tape.

100% Record . . .

• When Trainer/Coach Dave Williams was absent through illness for our home game with Orient on October 20th, reserve-team trainer Tony Gilbert stood in. We won 2-0 to keep up an impressive record for Tony because on each of the last four occasions he's stood in for Dave over the last few years, we've always won.

The referee would order off the player for foul language. The substitution would not be permitted, because no substitution has been requested.

Ball Boys . . .

• On duty this afternoon by courtesy of the Newport and District Schools F.A., who organise our ball=boys' rota, are eight pupils of Bolt Street Junior School, Newport, and we're pleased to welcome Glenroy Wilson, Mohammed Mabir, Simon Parkinson, Furiad Ullah, James Powell, Easah Haiden, Darren Hart and Shahid Hussain. Incidentally, our thanks to eight young supporters who volunteered their services against Brentford when the appointed school failed to appear. The intrepid eight were: Andrew Bowen, John Dovan, Darren and Gareth Porretta, Mark Newton, Kevin Pritchard, Mark Whittaker, Scott Smith.

Jena's Good Wishes . . .

• Gwent County Councillor John Pembridge, who paid an official visit to East Germany recently, came across several officials of Carl Zeiss Jena F.C., the team whom we met in the quarter-finals of the 1980/81 European Cup Winners' Cup. When they heard he was from Newport, the conversation naturally turned to those memorable games which we had with them, and they asked him to pass on their best wishes to all connected with the Club — players, officials and supporters.

Grainger's Foursome . . .

• A fine performance by youth-team player Mel Grainger, who scored four goals in our 5-1 Gwent Sunday League away win at BTM United last weekend. It was his fourth youth-team game of the season, and he'd scored twice in each of his other three games. That makes him our youth-team's leading scorer with 10 so far. Returning last Sunday after injury were goalkeeper Lee Herring who had missed the previous three matches, while forward Conrad Friel, who scored a hat-trick on his debut in September before fracturing his jaw in the next game, came on for the last half-hour as substitute. Our youth-team are at home to Cogan St. Patricks in the Welsh Youth Cup today, tomorrow we play BSC Ebbw Vale at home (both those games at Uskmouth), but on Tuesday we're home at Somerton to Swindon Town in the F.A. Youth Cup, the kick-off time will be announced this afternoon.

Today's Match-Mascot...



• **DAVID PUGH**, aged 9, of Wood Crescent Rogerstone, was the winner of the South Wales Argus competition to find today's mascot. David is a pupil of Mount Pleasant School, Rogerstone, and is goalkeeper for the school team. He is a keen County fan and his favourite player is Neville Chamberlain.

One Good Turn? . . .

• Helpful intention can often backfire, as one of our office-staff found on the way to the ground. Whilst walking down Somerton Lane, he discovered the goat belonging to our neighbour — British Heavyweight Champion Dave Pearce — in need of help as the poor goat had managed to get himself almost throttled by entangling his restraining rope on a gatepost. Our Good Samaritan duly came to the rescue, but in getting the rope free he made the fatal error of turning his back on the goat — with the inevitable result that he was practically propelled over the wall by the ungrateful creature!

Diary Dates . . .

• Tomorrow, 11th Nov., sees our youth-team at home to BSC Ebbw Vale in a Gwent Sunday League game.

• On Tuesday night, 13th Nov., (kick-off to be announced) our youth-team are at Somerton Park in the F.A. Youth Cup against Swindon T.

• Wednesday, 14th Nov., and our County Lottery Draw is at The Victoria Inn, Nash Road, at approx. 8.30 p.m.

• Thursday, 15th Nov., our Men's Keep-Fit Session at Somerton at 7.00 pm under supervision. New members welcome — £1 per session.

• Saturday, 17th Nov., the First Round of the F.A. Cup — we're at home to Aldershot (3.00 pm).

• Sunday, 18th Nov., an away Sunday League game for our youth-team at Cascade.



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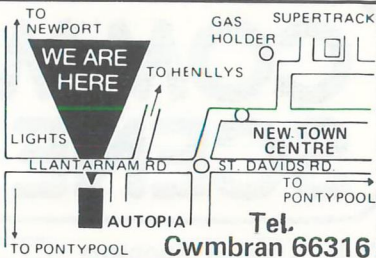
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MATCH-ACTION

• We suffer our first home League defeat of the season with Cambridge United beating us 2-1. Roy McDonough had given them a 40th-minute lead, and we attacked throughout the second, with (ABOVE) Tony Pulis, left, going near on this occasion. After missing a penalty and going 2-0 down, we scored (BELOW) through this Roy Carter header.

(Pics. by Glyn Carter)

Our Line-up v. Cambridge . . .

• Kendall, Jones L., Matthewson, Pulis, Boyle, Carter, Giles, Reid, Cooper (sub. Chamberlain), Kent, Lewis.

LAST TIME HERE...



• Bolton paid their first-ever visit to Somerton Park on 24th March 1984, and were 3-2 winners. On this occasion, ROY CARTER (9) went near with this acrobatic effort.

(Pic. by Jeff Morgan)

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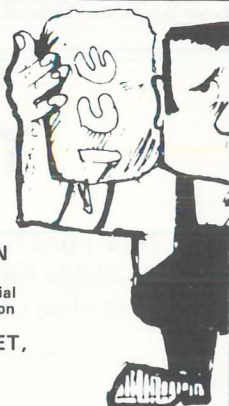
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recently running a competition for youngsters between 7 and 14 years old to find a mascot for today's game. The winner, David Pugh, will receive a junior Newport County kit, and after leading out the team will have his photograph taken with both captains.

Subscription Draw ...

• Recent £50 cash prizes drawn at each of our home games have been as follows ... SWANSEA (No.53) — J.T. Wildy of Newport; ORIENT (No.100) — Mrs. J.M. Mole of St. Julians, Newport; BRENTFORD (No.38) — Jack Hyde of St. Julians, Newport; CAMBRIDGE (No.70) — Crawford Brown of Bristol.

County Lottery ...

• Our next Draw takes place this coming Wednesday at The Victoria Inn, Nash Road, Newport at approx. 8.30 p.m. The Draw is held at a different venue in Gwent, with a top prize of £1,000 and various other cash draw prizes in addition to the instant cash prizes on the rub-out part of the tickets. New agents are always required and can start with just twenty-five tickets. All our agents receive 10% commission on all sales, plus 10% of winning prizes of £50 or more. Any agent selling 100 or more is entitled to free field-tickets for our Third Division home games. For further details contact our Lottery Dept. on Npt. 277472.

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REMEMBER? WHEN....!

• —we drew 3-3 at home to Stockport County ten years ago this weekend (9th Nov. 1974) and were in the middle of a nine-match run in League and Cup. Our manager at the time was Brian Harris, and with us on loan during that period were full-back Gary Bell from Cardiff City and striker Eddie Woods from Bristol City. Both players joined us on a permanent basis later in the same season, and both were in that side which drew with Stockport, though two of our other signings (John Relish from Chester and Bobby Woodruff from Cardiff) were injured for that game. Our goalscorers against Stockport... Roddy Jones, Brian Godfrey, Eddie Woods.

• —former Swansea City defender Dave Bruton came on as substitute against Crewe at Somerton this weekend five years ago (10th Nov. 1979) in a Fourth Division match, and scored a vital equaliser in our 1-1 draw. Dave had been signed from The Swans in October 1978 for a £17,500 fee, and it was his first League goal of '79/80 against a side who at that time were in the bottom four while we were challenging for promotion.

• —Welsh International forward Derek Tapscott (ex-Arsenal and Cardiff) was our substitute on the day we defeated Darlington 3-0 at home on this weekend in '65/66. He wasn't the only former International in our side — Eire Cap Alfie Hale, signed that summer from Doncaster in exchange for

Laurie Sheffield, also played, and he scored one of our goals. Defender Graham Rathbone and forward David Pugh also scored in front of a 3,500 crowd, but injury kept out full-back Dave Williams, our current trainer/coach, and he didn't return until the following February.

• —we beat Southend United 4-2 at home in a Division 3 (South) match on this weekend in '48/49 (13th Nov. 1948). 12,262 spectators saw the game in which our new signing Lou Bradford, a full-back from Bradford City, made his debut for the Club. Our goals that day came from Eddie Carr, Harold Williams, Len Comley, Reg Parker.

• —defender Ken Hollyman scored his only League goal of '58/59 this weekend twenty-six years ago. We lost 3-2 at Plymouth Argyle in Division 3 before a crowd of 23,482 and Hollyman scored one other goal that season — a memorable 30-yard drive in our 4-1 F.A. Cup Fourth Round defeat at Tottenham. Hollyman, who had joined us from Cardiff City in November 1953, left the Club in the summer of 1960 to become player/coach at Ton Pentre.

• —we played Leicester City at home in Division Two on 9th November 1946, centre-forward Frank Rawcliffe scored twice, but we lost 3-2 in front of a 13,000 attendance. In our reserve side at Llanelly that day, a winger named Harold Williams was given a trial. He impressed so much, that our

Manager Tom Bromilow rushed to Briton Ferry where Williams lived, found him on his milk round with his horse and cart, and signed him on part-time forms. Williams eventually became a Welsh Cap with us.

• —inside-forward Harry Harris scored his first-ever hat-trick for the Club on 12th November 1955 when we won 4-2 at Millwall. Tommy Johnston scored our other goal in what was our biggest League win of that season to date. It gave us plenty of encouragement for the following week's F.A. Cup visit to Brighton — but we lost 8-1! Our line-up for those two games... *lorrie Hughes; Arthur Lever, Ken Hollyman; George Thomas, Ray Wilcox, Tom Docherty; Billy Shergold, Cyril Beech, Tommy Johnston, Harry Harris, Gordon Brown.*

• —Gary Emmanuel's father, Len, was our player on target this weekend in '47/48 when we drew 2-2 at home to Bristol Rovers in front of 13,000. Len, playing at left-back that day, scored twice from the penalty spot in a match which saw inside-left Bryn Allen making his home debut after joining us in late-October '47 from Cardiff City for a Club record £5,000.

• —former Liverpool defender Norman Low made his debut for us on this weekend in November 1936. We lost 3-1 at Bristol City before a 13,644 attendance and Low had been signed on the previous day, joining his former Anfield colleague Lance Carr, a left-winger who had arrived three weeks earlier. Low remained with us until October 1946 when he went to Norwich City and he later managed them as well as Port Vale.

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on JOHN RELISH

DESPITE not having played in any kind of match since suffering a serious achilles-tendon injury at Southend on April 30th of last season, our longest-serving player, JOHN RELISH, is still very much part of the Somerton Park scene, having been back in serious training since mid-September, and he's confident of being able to resume his Newport County career which began in the summer of 1974 when he joined us on a free transfer from Chester.

That injury happened in an accidental collision with an opponent after a heading duel, and John knew it was serious as soon as he tried to get up. He immediately came off, and it culminated in a major operation during the summer, following which he was in plaster and having to get about on crutches. Apart from the fact that it interrupted his playing career, he was also approaching a busy period in his Testimonial Year, but his hard-working Committee had matters well in hand. In fact, his Year turned out to be a very successful one, apart from his Testimonial Match against West Bromwich Albion on August 3rd — on that night there was one



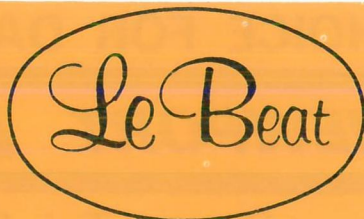
of the heaviest downpours of rain experienced in the area for some years, and it was, as John recalls, the only time from the start of May to the beginning of September that it rained... *"I was thinking of asking the Welsh Water Authority for a donation because of my assistance for drought relief that night!"*

But although the attendance that night was naturally affected, John's other events proved a great

success, especially his Sportsmen's Dinner in early September when over 300 people were present, including three Bolton Wanderers fans who made the journey especially from the North... *"I've known them for several seasons since meeting one of them — Roy Sturch — who was a friend of one of our former vice-presidents, so I'm looking forward to seeing them this afternoon."*

As for John's current progress, his plaster came off in mid-August, and he remained on crutches for several weeks before being able to get around with the aid of a walking stick. Then after dispensing with the stick, he had to learn to regain his balance in walking unaided. The ankle was sore at first after use and tended to stiffen after any rest, so he had to keep exercising. John started jogging nearly two months ago as well as doing various agility circuits and it's gradually getting easier for him, though he still gets a certain amount of pain when he runs, which is perhaps to be expected in view of the nature of his injury. He still has a slight limp, and at present finds it easier to sprint than jog because of the amount of weight involved on the ankle.

But, considering what he's been through, he's making good overall progress... *"I'm not setting myself any targets for playing — I might have a game before Christmas if things go well, but I won't be too worried if it takes a little longer."*



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WHEN? WHERE? WHO?

Key – Home Matches in CAPITALS
S = non-playing substitute

* = player withdrawn
12 = playing substitute

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1 Sep (Tue)	Bristol City (MC.1)	1-2	Chamberlain		5,422
1 Sep (Sat)	BRISTOL CITY (Lp)	0-0			5,079
8 Sep (Sat)	BRISTOL CITY (MC.1)	0-0			5,079
8 Sep (Sat)	York City (Lp)	0-2			4,194
18 Sep (Tue)	AFC BOURNEMOUTH (Lp)	0-1	Jones L.		2,338
22 Sep (Sat)	Bristol City (Lp)	0-1			3,514
29 Sep (Sat)	MILLWALL (Lp)	3-2	Cartt, Kent, Boyle		2,807
6 Oct (Sat)	Winnipeg (Lp)	1-1			3,616
6 Oct (Sat)	Winnipeg (Lp)	1-1	Clarke		3,616
13 Oct (Sat)	SWANSEA CITY (Lp)	2-0	Reid, Lewis		5,008
20 Oct (Sat)	ORIENT (Lp)	2-0	Jones L. 2 (1 pen.)		4,287
23 Oct (Tue)	Rotherham Utd. (Lp)	0-1			4,684
30 Oct (Sat)	Rotherham Utd. (Lp)	1-1			4,684
6 Nov (Sat)	BRISTOL CITY (Lp)	1-2	Lewis	Returned after 64 mins. - Fog	2,161
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Division Three '84/85 ...

(NOT including last night's results)

Team	P	W	D	L	F-A	Pts
1 Millwall	13	7	3	2	25-12	27
2 Bristol Rovers	14	8	4	2	19-12	25
3 Rotherham Utd.	14	7	4	3	18-12	25
4 Bradford City	14	7	3	4	17-10	24
5 Doncaster R.	14	7	3	4	26-19	24
6 Hull City	15	6	3	5	19-13	24
7 York City	15	7	3	5	26-20	24
8 Bristol City	15	6	3	5	22-18	24
9 Gillingham	15	7	3	5	27-29	24
10 AFC B'mouth	14	5	6	3	18-13	22
11 Walsal	15	6	3	5	20-16	21
12 Brentford	14	6	3	5	18-15	21
13 Derby Co.	14	6	3	5	18-15	21
14 Bolton Wan.	15	6	3	5	18-15	21
15 Wigan Ath.	15	5	4	6	14-18	19
16 Burnley	15	5	4	6	14-18	19
17 Reading	15	5	4	6	22-24	18
18 Preston N.E.	15	5	3	7	20-36	16
19 Newport Co.	14	3	1	9	14-16	15
20 Plymouth A.	15	3	6	6	24-34	15
21 Lincoln City	14	3	5	6	18-17	14
22 Swansea City	15	4	2	9	19-29	14
23 Orient	15	4	2	9	17-28	14
24 Cambridge Utd.	14	2	2	10	14-28	8

Players' Roster '84/85 ...

(Including last Wednesday's match)

(PLUS sub. apps. in brackets)	Lge.	APPS.	Cup	Lge.	Cup	GOALS
T. BOYLE	14	2	2	—	—	—
R. CARTER	14	2	2	—	—	—
N. CHAMBERLAIN	8(1)	1	—	—	—	—
S. COOPER	9	1	—	—	—	—
D. GILES	3(4)	1	(1)	—	—	—
+P. GREEN	1	2	1	—	—	—
L. JONES	14	2	—	—	—	—
M. KENDALL	12(2)	2	—	—	—	—
J. LEWIS	17	2	1	—	—	—
T. MATTHEWSON	13	2	(1)	—	—	—
+G. PLUMLEY	19	2	—	—	—	—
T. PULIS	13	1	—	—	—	—
T. REID	16	2	—	—	—	—
+M. SAXBY	3	—	—	—	—	—
+M. WILLIAMS	3(1)	—	—	—	—	—
Opponents						
Maximum	14 League, 2 Cup					* 1 penalty

+ No longer with Club

● NOTE — the recently abandoned game with Brentford does not count in our official appearance records.



Premier Div. '84/85

(Home matches in BOLD)

Date	Opponents	F-A
25 Aug (Sat)	BP LLANDARCY(Lge)	3-2
29 Aug (Sat)	PONTARDARWE(Lge)	0-0
1 Sep (Sat)	Morriston (Lge)	3-3
5 Sep (Wed)	MERTHYR (Lge)	3-0
8 Sep (Sat)	AFC CARDIFF(Lge)	1-2
15 Sep (Sat)	Spencer Works(Lge)	1-2
19 Sep (Wed)	NEWPORT YMCA(S.A.)	1-0
	Brain Cup Round 1	
22 Sep (Sat)	BLAENAVON(Lge)	3-2
26 Sep (Wed)	Bridge T. (S.A. Brain Rnd.2)	2-3
29 Sep (Sat)	Femdale (Lge)	5-1
6 Oct (Sat)	CARDIFF CORRIES(Lge)	4-1
13 Oct (Sat)	PONTFRATH(Fr'ndly)	1-2
20 Oct (Sat)	Pontypriddyn (Lge)	1-1
27 Oct (Sat)	Sully (Lge)	1-3
3 Nov (Sat)	Newport YMCA(Lge)	0-0
10 Nov (Sat)	Clydach (Lge)	...
17 Nov (Sat)	TUNDU ROBINS(Lge)	...
24 Nov (Sat)	Ammanford (Lge)	...
27 Nov (Tue)	SOUTH GLAM.INST.(Lge)	...
8 Dec (Sat)	Pontardawe (Lge)	...
15 Dec (Sat)	BP Llandarcy (Lge)	...
22 Dec (Sat)	MORRISTON(Lge)	...
29 Dec (Sat)	AFC Cardiff (Lge)	...
12 Jan (Sat)	Blaenavon (Lge)	...
26 Jan (Sat)	Cardiff Corries (Lge)	...
2 Feb (Sat)	ABERCYNNON(Lge)	...
5 Feb (Tue)	PONTLOTYN(Lge)	...
16 Feb (Sat)	SULLY (Lge)	...
23 Feb (Sat)	NEWPORT YMCA(Lge)	...
9 Mar (Sat)	Tondu Robins (Lge)	...
16 Mar (Sat)	AMMANFORD(Lge)	...
23 Mar (Sat)	South Glam. Inst. (Lge)	...
2 Apr (Tue)	Merthyr (Lge)	...
6 Apr (Sat)	CLYDACH(Lge)	...
13 Apr (Sat)	FERNDYALE(Lge)	...
27 Apr (Sat)	Abercynon (Lge)	...

Recent Reserve Line-ups ...

Nov. 3rd v. NEWPORT YMCA (A)
Welsh Le.Prem.Div. Drawn 0-0 (h.t. 0-0)
Freestone, Walbyoff, King, Roddy Jones, Pratt, Peacock, Guard (sub. Pengelly), Price, Tyler, Bateman, Lukaris.

This Season's Reserve Scorers (Lge. & Cup)

- Tyler 5, Lilygreen 5 (2 pens.), Bateman 4, Green 4, Grainger 2, Lukaris 2, Murphy 2, Guard 1, Kent 1, Roddy Jones 1, Powell 1.

Youth Team Fixtures '84/85 ...

(Home matches in BOLD)

(Sunday Lge. Home games at Uskmouth)
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Date	Opponents	F-A
2 Sep (Sun)	BTM UTD (SL)	10-2
9 Sep (Sun)	GELLI UTD (SL)	6-0
16 Sep (Sun)	Pontlanfraith (SL)	8-1
23 Sep (Sun)	CALDICOT TOWN(SL)	8-0
30 Sep (Sun)	Aberargoed (SL)	1-2
3 Oct (Wed)	CARDIFF CITY (SW)	4-2
7 Oct (Sun)	CWMBRAN TOWN(SL)	2-3
14 Oct (Sun)	Croesyceiliog (SL)	3-1
21 Oct (Sun)	SPENCER WORKS(SL)	1-3
28 Oct (Sun)	BLAENAVON BLUES(SL)	2-0
4 Nov (Sun)	BTM Utd. (SL)	5-1
10 Nov (Sat)	COGAN ST.PATRICKS (WYC)	...
11 Nov (Sun)	BSC EBBW VALE(SL)	...
13 Nov (Tue)	SWINDON T.(FAYC.2)	...
18 Nov (Sun)	Cascade Yth.(SL)	...
25 Nov (Sun)	CHEPSTOW T.(SL)	...

To be continued

Recent Youth Line-Ups ...

Oct. 14th v. CROESYCEILIOG (A)
Sunday Lge.
Peacock, Wickham, John, Hughes, Jones 1, Harper, Price (1) (sub. Cushion), Hancock (1), Richard Jones, Coldrick (sub. Wilmot), Prosser (1).

Oct. 21st v. SPENCER WORKS (H)
Sunday Lge.
Morgan, Harper, John, Hughes, Roberts, Cushion, Hancock, Richard Jones, Prosser, Peacock (1), Wilmot.

Oct. 28th v. BLAENAVON BLUES (H)
Sunday Lge.
Morgan, Harper, Wickham, Hughes, Price, Cushion (1), Price (1), Richard Jones, Hancock, Prosser, Peacock.

Nov. 4th v. BTM UTD (A)
Sunday Lge.
Herring, Spencer, Wickham, Roberts, Jones 1, Harper (sub. Richard Jones), Price (1), Grainger (4), Hancock, Prosser, Wilmot (sub. Friel).

This Season's Youth Scorers:-

- Grainger 10, Peacock 9, Prosser 8, Hancock 4, Friel 3, Coldrick 2, Hughes 2, John 2, Price 2, Wilmot 2, Armitage 1, Cushion 1, Harper 1, Jones 1, Price 1, Opponents 1.

The Teams

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Shorts — Black with Amber Trim

- 1—Mark KENDALL
- 2—Linden JONES
- 3—Trevor MATTHEWSON
- 4—Tony PULIS
- 5—Terry BOYLE (Capt.)
- 6—Roy CARTER
- 7—David GILES
- 8—Tony REID
- 9—Steve COOPER
- 10—Kevin KENT
- 11—John LEWIS
- 12—Neville CHAMBERLAIN

BOLTON h.t. f.t.
WANDERERS ()

Shirts — White with Blue Trim
Shorts — Blue

- 1—Simon FARNWORTH
- 2—Brian BORROWS
- 3—Jimmy PHILLIPS
- 4—Warren JOYCE
- 5—Mark CAME
- 6—Ray DEAKIN (Capt.)
- 7—Steve THOMPSON
- 8—Simon RUDGE
- 9—George OGHANI
- 10—Wayne FOSTER
- 11—Graham BELL
- 12—Gerry McELHINNEY

Match Attendance

MATCH OFFICIALS

• Today's Referee is NOEL BUTLER from Surrey who was on the line at last season's F.A. Cup Final. He's been officiating for twenty-one years, and reached the League List through Spartan and Isthmian Leagues. Married, with three children, he is a Banker.

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